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ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Further to my letter dated 13 November 1992 (S/24810) and in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 781 (1992), I should like to share with the Council further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 13 and 19 November, there appear to have been 73 flights of fixed or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 781 (1992) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 3 of that resolution. Details as to the time and itinerary of these flights are attached in an annex to this letter.

As you will note, 39 of the flights were observed taking off from or landing at an airfield monitored by UNPROFOR. Other flights were observed from UNPROFOR checkpoints in the United Nations protected areas or by UNPROFOR observers deployed elsewhere in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The remainder of the apparent violations reported were observed by AWACS aircraft deployed by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in support of UNPROFOR under paragraph 5 of resolution 781 (1992). The information supplied to UNPROFOR by this source does not, however, identify the locations from which the aircraft concerned took off or at which they landed.

It must also be observed that the AWACS aircraft are not currently operating at night. The noctural violations recorded are only those observed by United Nations military observers (UNMOs) at airfields or by UNPROFOR personnel deployed in the neighbouring United Nations protected areas. Until all nocturnal violations are recorded and the 75 additional military observers sought by the United Nations from Member States are deployed, UNPROFOR will not be in a position to provide round-the-clock monitoring of violations of resolution 781 (1992).

All confirmed violations are protested by UNPROFOR to the party concerned.

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Annex

Flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force (13-19 November 1992)

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
59	13 November	10.44	10.46	Detected 15 NM north of Gorazde in the vicinity of Skolac. Faded from radar coverage 10 NM north of Gorazde in the vicinity of Kula, probably a helicopter.	South-west 150 KTS Altitude unknown
60	13 November	12.39	12.59	Detected over Split and faded from radar coverage 30 NM north-west of Mostar, in the vicinity of Ouvno, probably a helicopter.	North-east 140 KTS 8500 feet
61	13 November	14.48	14.51	Detected 15 NM north of Gorazde, in the vicinity of Skolac. Faded from radar coverage 10 NM north of Gorazde, in the vicinity of Kula, probably a helicopter.	South 100 KTS Altitude unknown
62	13 November	-	-	UNMOs at Banja Luka Zaluzani airfield reported 11 helicopter movements throughout the day.	--
63	14 November	05.58	07.09	Detected 5 NM south-west of Banja Luka Mahovijani airfield. Tracked for 4 NM, probably a helicopter.	North-west Slow Low
64	14 November	06.18	06.23	Detected over Banja Luka Mahovijani airfield, tracked for 3 NM, probably a helicopter.	North-west Slow Low
65	14 November	07.22	08.11	Detected 5 NM south-west of Banja Luka Mahovijani airfield, remained in the vicinity of the airfield, probably a helicopter.	South-west 150 KTS Altitude unknown
66	14 November	08.20	08.55	Detected overhead Banja Luka Mahovijani airfield, remained in the vicinity of the airfield, probably a helicopter.	North-east 140 KTS 8500 feet

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
67	14 November	09.09	09.23	Detected 10 NM west of Banja Luka Mahovijani airfield, and faded from radar coverage 20 NM north-west of Banja Luka, probably a helicopter.	South 100 KTS Altitude unknown
68	14 November	09.25	09.27	Detected overhead Banja Luka Mahovijani airfield and was tracked for 4 NM, probably a helicopter.	--
69	14 November	10.31	10.35	Detected 10 NM south of Banja Luka Mahovijani airfield, and faded from radar coverage 5 NM north-east of Banja Luka, probably a helicopter.	North-west Slow Low
70	14 November	10.38	10.50	Detected overhead Banja Luka Mahovijani airfield, tracked for 4 NM, probably a helicopter, possibly the same as the previous one.	North-west Slow Low
71	14 November	10.16	10.18	Detected 40 NM south-west of Banja Luka in the vicinity of Sanica, and was tracked for 3 NM, probably a helicopter.	South-west 90 KTS Low
72	14 November	10.24	10.30	Detected 30 NM south-west of Banja Luka, tracked for 10 NM, probably a helicopter.	North-east -- Low
73	14 November	12.45	12.51	Detected 30 NM south of Mostar in the vicinity of the Island of Sipan. Tracked for 25 NM and faded from radar contact 5 NM south of Mostar.	North-east 250 KTS Low
74	14 November	09.09	09.10	Galeb, tail number 14148, took off on an announced training flight, no munitions observed. Landed at 0940.	South-east Fast 300 feet
75	14 November	09.13	09.14	Orao aircraft, tail number 25503, took off on an announced training flight, no munitions observed. Landed at 0947.	South-east Fast 300 feet

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
76	14 November	09.40	-	Orao aircraft, tail number 25504, took off on an announced training flight, munitions not checked. Landed at 1014.	South Slow Low
77	14 November	09.50	09.51	Orao aircraft, tail number 25169, took off on an announced training flight, munitions not checked. Landed 1026.	South Fast 300 feet
78	14 November	09.55	09.56	Galeb aircraft, tail number 24503, took off on an announced training flight, munitions not checked. Landing time not reported.	South Fast 300 feet
79	14 November	09.58	10.27	Orao aircraft, tail number 25205, took off on an announced training flight, munitions not checked. Landing time not reported.	South Fast Low
80	14 November	10.02	10.03	Orao aircraft, tail number 25261, took off on an announced training flight, munitions not checked. Landed at 1044.	South Fast 300 feet
81	14 November	10.32	-	Galeb aircraft, tail number 24503, took off on an announced training flight, munitions not checked. This report possibly correlates to either flights 7 or 8 observed by AWACS.	South Slow Low
82	14 November	10.40	-	Orao aircraft, tail number 25205, took off on an announced training flight, munitions not checked.	South Slow Low
83	15 November	06.45	-	UNMOs reported that an H-40 helicopter took off from Zaluzani airfield.	South Slow 300 feet
84	15 November	07.22	-	UNMOs reported that a helicopter took off from Zaluzani airfield.	South-east Slow 50 feet

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SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
85	15 November	09.24	-	UNMOs reported that an H-42 Gazelle helicopter landed and refuelled at Zaluzani airfield on a medical evacuation mission.	Landed
86	15 November	09.40	-	UNMOs reported that an H-42 Gazelle helicopter took off from Zaluzani airfield. Helicopter was equipped with night vision equipment.	East Slow 200 feet
87	15 November	-	-	UNMOs at Mahovijani airfield reported one J21 Jastreb and one J22 Orao aircraft participating in an exercise. All missions were declared training missions.	Details unknown
88	15 November	11.21	11.26	Detected 15 NM south-east of Doboj, tracked for 17 NM and faded from radar coverage 5 NM north-west of Doboj, probably a jet or turbo-propelled aircraft.	North-west 250 KTS 2500 feet
89	15 November	12.38	12.47	Detected 34 NM south-east of Mostar, tracked for 18 NM, probably a helicopter or light aircraft.	North-east 140 KTS 4700 feet
90	15 November	13.15	13.25	Detected 29 NM south-west of Banja Luka, tracked for 23 NM and faded from radar coverage 3 NM south-west of Banja Luka, probably a helicopter or light aircraft.	North-north-east 140 KTS 3800 feet
91	15 November	14.31	14.39	Detected 34 NM south-east of Mostar. and tracked for 8 NM, probably a helicopter.	North-east 80 KTS Low
				THE FOLLOWING FIFTEEN FLIGHTS (SERIAL 92-106) OR PORTIONS OF FLIGHTS WERE REPORTED BY MILITARY OBSERVERS AT BANJA LUKA ZALUZANI AIRFIELD	
92	16 November	06.55	--	An H-52 Gazelle helicopter took off on a declared medevac flight, ordnance was not confirmed.	East Slow 300 feet
93	16 November	07.06	--	An H-42 Gazelle helicopter took off an a declared medevac mission, ordnance was not confirmed.	East Slow 300 feet

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
94	16 November	07.10	--	A Gazelle helicopter took off, ordnance was not checked.	South-east Slow 100 feet
95	16 November	09.12	--	An H-42 Gazelle helicopter took off, no ordnance observed.	South-west Slow 300 feet
96	16 November	09.40	--	An H-42 Gazelle helicopter took off with medical personnel on board.	North-east Slow
97	16 November	09.50	--	An H-42 Gazelle helicopter took off on declared medical flight.	North-east 200 feet
98	16 November	11.02	--	An HT-40 (Mi-17) helicopter took off on a declared medical flight, destination Petrovac.	North-west Slow 200 feet
99	16 November	11.20	--	An H-42 Gazelle helicopter landed and refuelled.	--
100	16 November	11.35	--	An H-42 Gazelle took off, no ordnance was observed.	--
101	16 November	13.05	--	An H-42 Gazelle took off on a declared medevac, ordnance was not checked.	South-west Slow 200 feet
102	16 November	14.29	--	An H-42 Gazelle helicopter landed, no ordnance was observed.	--
103	16 November	14.37	--	An H-42 Gazelle helicopter landed from medevac, no ordnance was observed.	--
104	16 November	14.53	--	An H-42 Gazelle helicopter took off, destination Doboj, declared medevac.	--
105	16 November	15.40	--	2 H-42 Gazelle helicopters took off on a formation flight and landed after a few minutes.	--

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
106	16 November	16.00	--	An H-42 Gazelle helicopter landed, returning from Doboj medevac flight.	North-east Slow 200 feet
107	17 November	08.15	--	UNMOs reported that a Gazelle helicopter landed at Banja Luka Zaluzani airfield on completion of a reported medevac flight from Doboj. This aircraft had departed Zaluzani on 16 November at 1139, no ordnance confirmed.	--
108	17 November	10.34	--	UNMOs reported that a Gazelle helicopter took off from Zaluzani airfield on a reported medevac flight, ordnance not confirmed.	North-east Slow 400 feet
109	17 November	11.54	11.59	UNMOs reported that an HT-40 (Mi-17) helicopter took off on a reported medevac flight, external pylons but no ordnance observed. Landed back at Zaluzani at 1331.	South Slow 450 feet
110	17 November	12.54	12.57	UNMOs observed that an H-42 Gazelle took off from Zaluzani airfield on a reported medevac flight. Landed back at Zaluzani at 1530, no ordnance was confirmed.	North Slow 500 feet
111	17 November	13.17	13.19	Detected 21 NM south-west of Banja Luka Mahovijani airfield. Tracked for 6 NM, before fading from radar coverage, probably a helicopter.	South 120 KTS Altitude unknown
112	17 November	13.07	13.19	Detected manoeuvring 11 NM north-west of Banja Luka Mahovijani airfield.	-- Speed and altitude unknown
113	17 November	13.07	13.19	Detected 28 NM south-west of Banja Luka in the vicinity of Sanski Most. Faded from radar contact 8 NM south-east of Bihac.	West 160 KTS Altitude unknown
114	17 November	13.07	13.20	Detected 18 NM west of Banja Luka Mahovijani airfield, and was tracked for 5 NM. Faded from radar contact 2 NM south of Prijedor.	North Slow Altitude unknown

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
115	17 November	13.07	13.19	Detected 05 NM south-east of Banja Luka Mahovijani airfield in the vicinity of Dragalovci, faded from radar contact 15 NM south of Sanski Most, probably a turboprop or jet aircraft.	South-west 270 KTS Altitude unknown
116	17 November	13.13	13.19	Detected 28 NM south-west of Banja Luka Mahovijani airfield. Tracked for 7 NM before fading from radar contact in the vicinity of Mrkomjic-grad, probably a helicopter.	South-west 70 KTS Altitude unknown
117	17 November	13.10	13.19	Detected overhead Banja Luka Mahovijani airfield, manoeuvred in the area for 9 mins. and then faded from radar contact, probably a helicopter.	HDG Speed and altitude unknown
118	17 November	15.20	15.22	HT-40 (Mi-17) helicopter was sighted 5 KM north-east of Zaluzani heading north-east at 600 feet and faded from sight at 1522. Later, this Udbina-based helicopter landed at Zaluzani at 1600, no ordnance was observed.	--
119	17 November	15.13	15.36	Detected 18 NM south-west of Banja Luka Mahovijani airfield. Tracked for 32 NM, crossed the Sava river near Orahova, and faded from radar contact 5 NM south-east of Novska. A portion of this flight was observed by United Nations military personnel on the ground and was confirmed as a helicopter.	North 90 KTS Low
120	18 November	07.20	07.05	A Gazelle helicopter took off from Zaluzani airfield. The helicopter was fitted with weapon pylons. The purpose of the flight was unknown.	South Fast 2000 feet
121	18 November	--	12.47	A Gazelle helicopter landed at Zaluzani airfield. This was reported as a medevac flight but could not be confirmed by observations.	West Fast 300 feet
122	18 November	14.28	14.36	A Gazelle helicopter took off and landed at Zaluzani on a reported technical flight, no ordnance was observed.	North Fast 100 feet

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123	18 November	14.37	15.38	A Gazelle helicopter took off and landed at Zaluzani airfield. This was reported as a medevac flight but could not be confirmed by observations.	East Fast 300 feet
124	18 November	17.30	--	An unidentified aircraft flew over Sector-N from north-west into the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina heading towards Cazin.	
125	18 November	17.30	--	An unidentified aircraft flew over Sector-N from the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina heading towards Slunj.	
126	18 November	18.50	--	An unidentified aircraft flew over Sector-N from the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina heading towards Vojnic.	
127	18 November	19.05	--	An unidentified aircraft flew over Sector-N from the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina heading towards Slunj.	
128	18 November	21.15	--	An unidentified aircraft flew over Sector-N from the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina heading towards Slunj.	
129	19 November	10.59	11.35	Aircraft detected operating between 8-23 NM east of Banja Luka. Its speed would indicate a jet operating within the area mentioned above.	General HDG West 350 KTS (403 mph) Altitude unknown
130	19 November	12.35	13.43	Detected operating between 18 NM and 40 NM north-east of Sarajevo.	General HDG North-east 280 KTS (322 mph) 1500 feet
131	19 November	13.39	13.41	Detected 37 NM south-east of Mostar, on the border of Montenegro. Tracked for 6 NM.	East 250 KTS (288 mph) 1200 feet
132	19 November	15.29	15.33	Detected 35 NM south-east of Mostar, tracked for 10 NM, and faded from radar coverage 12 NM north of Trebinje.	South-west 300 KTS (345 mph) Altitude unknown